(b) if so, how many members of NCERT's academic staff have availed the benefits of this scheme during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nine members of the NCERT's Academic staff have made use of this scheme during the last two years.

Central University in Madhya Pradesh

†2186. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central University and ITI are functioning in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons for not opening them in that State so far;

(c) what are the reasons for the step-motherly treatment towards higher education in the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes dominated State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether the Ministry is considering to open the Central University and ITI in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per information received from Ministry of Labour there are presently 129 Industrial Training Institutes in Madhya Pradesh. There is no Central University in the State.

(b) to (d) The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) lays emphasis on the consolidation and expansion of facilities in the existing Universities rather than setting up of more Universities. State Governments however can set up their own Universities by enacting legislation for meeting their specific requirements. As regards the Industrial Training Institutes, these are established and managed by the State Governments. The adequacy of such Institutes in a State is decided by the respective State Governments keeping in

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view the requirements of the industrial Sector.

Sexual Harassment Cells in Universities

2187. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been approached to get all the Central Universities assessed and accredited;

(b) whether there is proposal to set up a sexual harassment cell in every University; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The University Grants Commission has already decided to make assessment and accreditation mandatory for all Universities.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The UGC has already issued instructions to all the Universities to set up a permanent cell to combat sexual harassment of women in the Universities.

Transfer policy for NCERT staff

2188. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCERT has a defined policy regarding transfer of its academic staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of members of NCERT's faculty transferred during the past two years; and

(d) what were the reasons for these transfers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) In accordance with stipulations contained in the Regulations (No. 7) of the NCERT, all employees of the Council are liable for transfer to any of the Council's Establishments anywhere in India. Transfers are generally made on account of administrative exigencies or on promotion based